Shakuibasti in Delhi the oil industry is putting up new LPG bottling plants, at locations close to -Delhi. These will be completed in 1988. Closure of the existing plants at Shakurbasti will be possible after the new plants stabilise in their operations.

Price* of soft drinks

*245. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have recently permitted the manufacturers of cold 11 rinks industry to raise Jhe prices of iheir products;

(b) if so, what is the extent of rise permitted for Campa cola, Thums Up. Thrill and Limca;

(c) what is the rise in prices affected by the manufacturers for their products; and .

(d) what is tae price of each bottle of 200 ml. of the different cold drinks in the market?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) No, Sir. There is no statutory control' on the prices of soft 'drinks.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The prices of soft drinks in the market vary from place too place. Currently, they vary from Rs. 2.50 to. Rs. 3.00 per bottle. The increase in retail price in recent months has been around 50 paise per bottle.

Annual requirement and production of crude oil

*246. SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA JAYAWANTRAO PATIL; Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state;

(a) what i_s the annual production and requirement of crude oil in India and how much oil was imported to meet the country'^ requirement during the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that oil produced in India is costlier than that in other countries; if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the cost of production of crude oil in India per barrel and how it compares with the cost of oi] imported from outside; and

(d) what is the rate of duty levied on th_e imported oil?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) The information is as under; —

(In million Tonnes)

Year	Production of crude oil	Requirement of crude oil	Gross Import of crude oil
1984-85	28.99	41.71	13·64
1985-86	30.17	43.94	15.14
1986-87 (Provisional)	30.46	46.86	15·6